

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : T. Tran
ANTONUCCI et al :
Serial No.: 09/702,322 : Group: 1711
Filed: October 31, 2000 :
For: POLYMERIC...ABOVE 100°C:

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 26, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12 (thrice amended) A method for conditioning a polymeric proton fuel cell exchange membrane for operation at temperatures above 100°C, the method comprising the steps of:

- a: heating the membrane to a elevated temperature above its transition temperature;
- b: selecting a desired percentage of conversion of the membrane polymer from an initial amorphous state to a crystalline state;